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The students had to take r state examination in June 1954. A total of 25 of these officer candidates failed and had to sit for enother examination in August 1954. Those students who passed the examination were distributed as weather technicians to the individual VPL weather stations.

#### Organization and Strength of School No 500

In September 1954. School No 500 in Komenz was organized as follows:

staff with training section

2nd officers' course comprising 5th through 9th Companies

headquarters commany

muard company

The total personnel strength of 23% officers, 97 NCOs and 585 EM were distributed as for ows:

	Officers	NCOs	E
staff	20	, <b>-</b>	~
training section	200	10	5
training course	10	-	400
hoadu rters company .	-	80	40
guard company	3	7	140
Total	233 <sup>-</sup>	97	585

The school had a total caracity of about 1,300 ren. The training section cansisted of:

chief of the section

instruction group: political indoctring tion

" radio and DF technique

" electrical equipment

" armament

" aircraft engines

" aircraft frames

" meteorology

" practical training

" topography

" general education

pishning section

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The officers of the training section were classified as group tenders, chief instructors (Neuptiachlebrer) and instructors.

Some of them had formerly served with the German Air Force, others had been experts in the civilian sector, such as engineer schools cia. and another portion belonged to other professions (freighbruike) and had undergone training in Pirms. Unon completion of the 1st Comparation to Students of the course who were promoted to officers more taken ever by the iraining section.

#### 4. Second Officers Training Course

In September 1954, the 2nd Officers' Training Course comprised the 5th through 9th Companies. The 6th Co had been transferred from Lugustusbad to Mamenz on 1 January 1954 for special training. The members of the company, about 170 officer condidates, were trained as radio direction finding personnel. Training was acheduled to be completed by February 1955. The officer candidates of the 7th, 8th and 9th Companies, most of whom were high school graduates who were negly employed by the VPL, were trained as aircraft technicians. Only a small percentage of the students come from elementary schools or from various professions. Technical training of the 3 companies was schooled to start in mid-October 1954 and to continue for 2 years. The individual companies consisted of

- 1 commanding officer
- l 'o'itical officer
- " nl toon leaders
- 3 assistant rlatoon leaders
- 5 political officers assigned to the 3 plateons
- 9 shuad leaders.

The inlation leaders and assistant platoon leaders atc. were selected by the commanding officers of the companies from among the officer conditates of the individual commanies.

### . "Qualification" Training Course

A spreadled "qualification" training course was planned to be established at the Kemenz school in the Cotober 1954. The course which was scheduled to just 1 year was to consist of officers of the individual Aeroclubs and some instructors of the Kemenz school. The air of this course was to make technical presented to the lovel of efficiency of the piroraft technicians trained at the Kemenz school. 7

#### 6. <u>Sersorne</u>i

The following officers were employed at the Mamenz school in Jerienber 1984:

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Chief of the school

Colonel Leonold (fau)

Political officer

Lieutenant Colonel Raupach (fnu)

Officer in charge of

Peruty political officer

Captain Boehme (fnu)

orderly room

Senior Licutement Bries (fnu)

1 cty secretary

Captain Hirschmann (fru)

FDJ secretary

Senior Lieutement Moelle (fnu)

Deputy CC in charge of

Cantain Kraft (fnu)

bosic training

Deputy CC in charge of supply

Captain Harth (fnu)

Strike . "A

Cantoin Fischer (fnu)

finences

Deputy CO in charge of

Deputy CC in charge of

nrome, manda

Captain Luerbe (fnu)

Deputy CC in charge of

cadre nersonnel

Lieutenant Hermann (fnu)

Medical officer

Lieutenant Colonel Dr. Seiffert (fr.u)

Chairman of the PYK

(party control cormission)

Lieutenant Colonel Voigtlaender (fnu)

Training Section

Chicf

Major Buechel (fnu)

)st officer of the section

Senior Lieutenant Baustian (fmu)

Instruction Croup: Political indoctrination

Chief

Captain Crosse (fnu)

Chief instructor (Hauptfachlehrer)

Senior Lieutenant Henschel (fnu)

17

Senior Lieutenant Reetz (fnu)

11

Senior Lieutenant Schreiter (Suu)

Instructor (Fachlehrer)

Lieutenant Jacobi (fnu)

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Lieutenant Schlertz (fnu)

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Lieutenant Baer (fnu)

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Instructor
                                   Lieutenant Weber (fnu)
                                   Lieutenent Fischer (fnu)
                                   Senior Lieutenant Pfeiffer (fnu)
Instruction Croup: Radio and DF technique
Chief
                                   Captain Sydow (fou)
Chief instructor for aircraft
                                   Senior Lieutenant Meior (fnu)
ratio communications
 Instructor
                                   Senior Lieutenant Roensch (fnu)
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                                   Lieutenant Hildebrand (fnu)
                                   Sub-Lieutenant Blechschmidt (fnu)
                                   Sub-Lieutenant Pika (fnu)
Chief instructor for ground
                                   Senior Lieutenant Brechel (fnu)
radio communications
Instructor
                                   Senior Lieutenant Aprelt (fnu)
                                   Lieutenant Lucas (fr.u)
                                   Lieutenant Peters (fnu)
                                   Sub-Lieutenant Kurjo (fnu)
Chief instructor for radio
                                   Lieutenant Reichelt (fnu)
technique and DF
Instructor
                                   Sub-Lieutenart Schindler (fnu)
                                   Sub-Lieutenant Berger (fnu)
Instruction Group: Electric equipment
Chief
                                  Cartain Diedrich (fnu)
Chief instructor
                                  Senior Lieutenant Saenger (fnu)
                                  Senior Lieutenant Glasse (fnu)
Instructor
                                  Senior Lieutenant Ahlert (fnu)
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                                  Senior Lieutenant Keddi (fnu)
                                  Senior Lieutenant Baldrusch (fnu)
                                  Lieutenant Stubenrauch (fnu)
                                  Lieutenant Schiller (fnu)
                                  Lieutenant bueller (fnu)
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Instructor Lieutenant Friedrich (fnu)

" Lieutenant Scharf (fnu)

" Sub-Lieutenant Sturm (fou)

Sub-Lieutenant Holf (fnu)

" Sub-Lieutenant Tlustek (fnu)

Instruction Group: Armament

Chief Senior Lieutenant Tanzberger (fnu)

Chief instructor Senior Lieutenant Krueger (fau)

Instructor Senior Lieutemant Lehmgruebler (fnu)

Instruction Group: Aircraft engines

Chief instructor Senior Lieutemant Lehais (fnu)

Instructor Lieutenent Gnade: (fnu)

Instruction Group: Aircraft frames

Chief Captain Natern (fnu)

Instruction Croup: Meteorology

Chief Senior Lieutenant Buchwitz (fnu)

Instruction Grout: Practic-1 training

Chief Senior Lieutena it Friedrich (fnu)

Chief instructor Senior Lieutenant Frahm (fnu)

Instructor Sub-Lieutenant Kucarek (fnu)

Instruction Group: Topography

Chief instructor Captain Thierbach (fnu)

Instructor Lieutenant Eissrich (fnu)

Lieutenant Fischer (fnu)

<u>Planning Section</u>

Chief Captain Stiemler (fnu)

Assistant Senior Lieutenant Vocel (fnu)

" Lieutenent Braeutigam (fnu)

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"Methodisches Kabinett", presumably instruction material section

Chief

Lieutenant Bein (fnu)

4 or 5 mechanics in charge of maintenance work on instruction material

#### 7. Efficiency of Instruction Personnel

A large portion of the chiefs of instruction groups and some of the chief instructors had been assigned to their posts because they were convinced communists. Only about 40 percent of the instructors had the required qualification and technical knowledge and the remaining 60 percent had great difficulties in their lessons because they had come from professions not familiar with air force subjects. This fact was known by the students and repe todly raised difficulties. It was the cause for the establishment of a so-called "qualification course." 7

#### 8. Soviet Advisors

About 6 Soviet advisors ranking from major to colonel and weering VPL uniforms were assigned to the School No 500 in Karenz. They were detached from Soviet Air Force units and largely controlled instruction activities of the school. The Soviets had contract only with the chiefs of the individual instruction groups. The advisor for radio and DF techniques was Major Paul (fau) who presumebly had a code name.

#### 9. Instruction "aterial

One Yok-18, 1 Yak-11 and 1 La-9 were symilable as instruction material in a honger of Object I. Additional instruction material for the individual fields of training was locked in the classification section in the "ethodisches Kabinett" and the "Technisches Habinett".

## 10. Training Program

In details, the training program for a training course was drawn up by the group of instructors on the basis of the number of instruction units prescribed by the VDA headquarters. The draft was submitted to feneral Kessler and the character of the VDA, who approved and returned the draft to the school in the form of a training order (Ausbildungsbefehl). The training courses for mechanics and technicians dealt with the same subjects except that the number of lessons differed. The following is an instruction schedule for the training of radio officers:

2 years

100 hours

duration of course

political indoctrination 400 hours

military basic training 2 months

firing training 100 hours

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air toctics	40	hours
topography	40	n
mathematics	40	11
strength of materials	40	"
mechanics	40	**
aircraft theory	120	n
aircraft engines	40	11
air frames	70	71
elementary electrical and radio engineering	100	ŧŧ
electrical equipment of eircraft	<b>7</b> 0	11
elements of D'F operation	100	11
instruction on the operation transmitters and receivers	100	**
special transmitting and receiving sets	100	.**
radio navigation sets	100	19
operating and maintenance of radio equipment	300	
mechanical training	100	11
furlough	40 d	lays
guard duty	40	**

# 11. Model RSI Aircraft Radio Set

Instruction was given on the model RSI redio set which was installed on fighter and treiner aircraft. The set was used for air-to-air and air-to-ground radio communications. The instrument incorporated a model RSI 6 - K trensmitter, a model RSI 5 - M 1 receiver, and a model RU - 45 A transformer. The set had a frequency range of 60 to 80 meters, an operating voltage of 26 V, and a range of about 200 km for voice radio communications. Through the use of different crystals the transmitter could be adjusted to specific frequencies.

# 12. Nodel RPKO-1C M Radi Compass (Radiohalbkompass)

Instruction was given on the model RPKO-10 M radio compass (Radiohalb-kompass) which was installed in obsolescent fighter and bomber sircraft. The instrument served for the purpose of orientation by means of radio beacons and operated in the medium and long-wave ranges. It had a frequency range of 275 to 725 Kcs and an operating voltage of 26 V.

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# 15. Model ARK-5 Redio Compass (Radiovollkompass)

Instruction was given on the model ARK-5 radio compass (Radiovol)kompass) which was a further development from the model RTKO-10 H radio compass (Radiohalbkompass). By means of this compass, the milets of modern fighter and bomber aircraft are able to approach all stations having long, medium or short wave ranges. The equirment clse enables the pilot to accurately determine his position at any time. The operating voltage was 26  $\tilde{\mathtt{V}}_{\star}$ 

### 4. Insignie and Tayment of Personnel

The reasonnel of School No 500 lad the following service color:

Officers

Light blue collar patches with silver mings and light blue-bordered silver

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MCOs. III and officer candidates Light blue collar patches with silver wings, ephulets in same color as uniform

with light blue border

The silver wings were only worn by flying personnel. Badges indicating specific assignments were not yet in use. The officer candidates belonged to the following classes:

50 % 19<sup>7</sup>5 and 1936

10 % 1937 and 1938

30 % 1933 and 1934

A sub-lieutenant and instructor who filled the assignment of a major received the following pay:

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350 eastmarks not

allowinge for

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assignment

Total

750 eastmarks net

The new instructors who had graduated from the last course were paid only a special allowance of 200 eastmarks instead of the 400 eastmarks.

#### 15. Mood of the Students

The fact that a large portion of the students were forced to go in for a special training without laving a personal choice made the students rather indifferent to their training. Their mood further deterior ted on account of the political incoctrination and the political pressure exercised at the school. Some students tried to bring about their dismissed by showing little zeal in their studies and by intentionally violating military discipline. The officer candidates of the newly established training course which was to start special training in mid-October 1954 had to sign up for a 10-year term of service in addition to their 3-year term of service for which they had obliged themselves.

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	The statement of obligation which previously had to be signed by officer condidates, to mit: "I am willing to serve so long as the party and government deem it necessary", was eliminated because it was legally ambiguous.	
١.	Comment. For layout sketch of billsting area of School No 500, see Innex. The reported occupation of the barracks installation on lacher Strass in Farenz had repeatedly been mentioned.	25X1
2.	Comment. The two technical training courses held from 1952 to 1954 are known. It is believed that about 1,000 well trained technical personnel belong to the Aeroclubs.	25X1
ζ.	Comment. The transfer to Kamena of a training course for radio mechanics from Firna is reported for the first time. A previous report mentioned that all VDA units left Sonnenstein near Firna on 15 June 1954.	25X1
	Comment. A training course for meteorologists and merther technicians in Firms was reported previously.  The transfer of this course from Pirms to Kamenz was also connected mit the evacuation of Sonnenstein near Firms.	25X1
•	for radio and signal officers, established in Augustusbad near Radeberg, transferred to Farenz in May 1953. This course has previously been carried as the 10th Co in Kamenz. It is probable that the 10th Co was redesignated 5th Co when the 1st through 5th Companies of officer candidates left Manenz in August 1954, so as to have consecutive numbers for the officer candidate courses.	25X1
•	Comment. The officer condidates of the 7th through 9th Companies had probably entered the VPL in Augustusbad during the first quarter of 1954, were subsequently transferred for a short time to Pirma and, in the summer of 1954, woved to Kamenz. Upon committee of rort of their military basic training in Kamenz, the students were selected for officer condidate courses for the purpose of special technical training. See	25X1 25X1
•	Comment. When the VPI was being established, a portion of the technical personnel had been given only superficial technical training and had not rassed through the technical school in Kamerz. It is probable that this technical training is now to be rounded out.	25 <b>X</b> 1

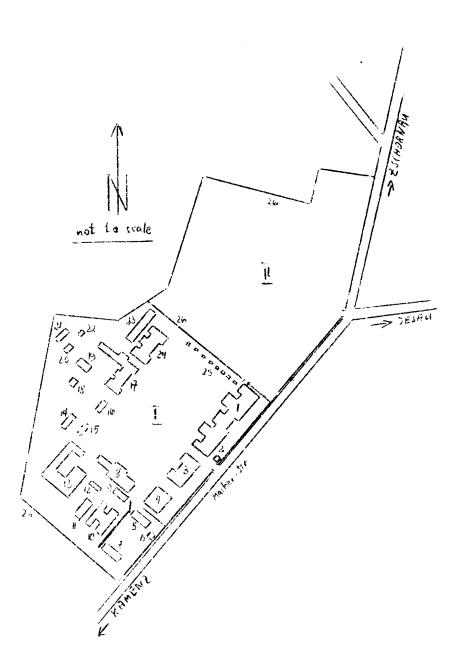
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#### Layout Sketch of Billeting Area of School No 500

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1. Accompany

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In September 1954, the Air Technical School No 500 of the VDA (Verwaltung der Aeroclubs) was still quartered in a barracks installation of the former German Armed Forces on Macher Strasse in Kamenz. The barracks installation was subdivided into Object I which housed the School No 500 and Object II which housed the late of the Bautzen Aeroclub and the 4th Tech Base in Kamenz layout sketch of Object I.1

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2. Training Courses Held from 1952 to 1954

From June to October 1952, two courses in military basic training were held at the air technical school in Kamenz. Special training was started on 1 October 1952 and the following courses took place:

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1st Training Course: The 1st through 5th Companies with a total of 600 officer candidates received training as aircraft technicians up to August 1954.

2nd Course: The 6th through 9th Companies with about 400 EM were trained as aircraft mechanics up to 1 January 1954.

Upon completion of the two technical courses, the technicians and mechanics were distributed to individual Aeroclubs. Of the course for aircraft technicians, about 8 sub-lieutenants of each training group were assigned as instructors to the training section of School No 500.2

On 1 January 1954, the so-called "DI" training course (signal personnel) was transferred from Pirna to the air technical school in Kamenz. The students of this course were trained as radio mechanics up to June 1954.

In April May 1954, the course for meteorologists was transferred from the school in Pirna to the air technical school in Kamenz where meteorological training one concluded.

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The students had to take a state examination in June 1954. A total of 25 of these officer candidates failed and had to sit for another examination in August 1954. Those students who passed the examination were distributed as weather technicians to the individual VPL weather stations.<sup>4</sup>

#### 3. Organization and Strength of School No 500

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staff with training section

2nd officers' course comprising 6th through 9th Companies

headquarters company

guard company

The total personnel strength of 23% officers, 97 NCOs and 585 EW were distributed as follows:

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training course	10	-	400
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guard company	3	7	140
Total	233	97	585

The school had a total capacity of about 1,300 men. The training section consisted of:

chief of the section

instruction group: political indoctrination

" radio and DF technique

" electrical equipment

" armament

" aircraft engines

" aircraft frames

" meteorology

" practical training

" topography

" general education

planning section

"Methodisches Kabinett", presumably instruction material section.

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Some of them had formerly served with the German Air Force, others had been experts in the civilian sector, such as engineer schools etc.. and another portion belonged to other professions (freie Berufe) and ergone training in Pirna. Upon completion of the 1st Tech course in August 1954, a large portion of the former the course who were promoted to officers were taken over by the training section.

#### 4. Second Officers' Training Course

In September 1954, the 2nd Officers' Training Course comprised the 6th through 9th Companies. The 6th Co had been transferred from Augustusbad to Kamenz on 1 January 1954 for special training. The members of the company, about 130 officer candidates, were trained as radio direction finding personnel. Training was scheduled to be completed by February 1955. The officer candidates of the 7th, 8th and 9th Companies, most of whom were high school graduates who were newly employed by the VPL, were trained as aircraft technicians. Only a small percentage of the students came from elementary schools or from various professions. Technical training of the 3 companies was scheduled to start in mid-October 1954 and to continue for 2 years. The individual companies consisted of

- 1 commanding officer
- 1 political officer
- z platoon leaders
- 3 assistant platoon leaders
- 3 political officers assigned to the 3 platoons
- 9 squad leaders.

The platoon leaders and assistant platoon leaders etc. were selected by the commanding officers of the companies from among the officer candidates of the individual companies.

# 5. "Qualification" Training Course

A so-called "qualification" training course was planned to be established at the Kamenz school in late October 1954. The course which was scheduled to last 1 year was to consist of officers of the individual Aeroclubs and some instructors of the Kamenz school. The aim of this course was to raise technical personnel to the level of efficiency of the aircraft technicians trained at the Kamenz school. 7

## 6. Personnel

The following officers were employed at the Kamenz school in September 1954:

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Headquarters

Chief of the school

Colonel Leopold (fnu)

Political officer

Lieutenant Colonel Raupach (fnu)

Officer in charge of

orderly room

Captain Boehme (fnu)

Deputy political officer

Senior Lieutenant Bries (fnu)

Party secretary

Captain Hirschmann (fnu)

FDJ secretary

Senior Lieutenant Moelle (fnu)

Deputy CO in charge of basic training

Captain Kraft (fnu)

Deputy CO in charge of

supply

Captain Harth (fnu)

Deputy CO in charge of

Captain Fischer (fnu)

finances

Deputy CO in charge of

propaganda

Captain Muerbe (fnu)

Deputy CO in charge of

cadre personnel

Lieutenant Hermann (fnu)

Medical officer

Lieutenant Colonel Dr. Seiffert (fnu)

Chairman of the PKK

(party control commission)

Lieutenant Colonel Voigtlaender (fnu)

Training Section

Chief

Major Buechel (fnu)

1st officer of the section

Senior Lieutenant Baustian (fnu)

Instruction Group: Political indoctrination

Chief

Captain Grosse (fnu)

Chief instructor (Hauptfachlehrer)

Senior Lieutenant Henschel (fnu)

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Senior Lieutenant Reetz (fnu)

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Senior Lieutenant Schreiter (fnu)

Instructor (Fachlehrer)

Lieutenant Jacobi (fnu)

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Lieutenant Schlertz (fnu)

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Lieutenant Baer (fnu)

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                                  Lieutenant Weber (fnu)
Instructor
                                  Lieutenant Fischer (fnu)
                                   Senior Lieutenant Pfeiffer (fnu)
Instruction Group: Radio and DF technique
                                   Captain Sydow (fnu)
Chief
                                   Senior Lieutenant Meier (fnu)
Chief instructor for aircraft
radio communications
                                   Senior Lieutenant Roensch (fnu)
Instructor
                                   Lieutenant Hildebrand (fnu)
                                   Sub-Lieutenant Blechschmidt (fnu)
                                   Sub-Lieutenant Pika (fnu)
Chief instructor for ground
                                   Senior Lieutenant Brechel (fnu)
radio communications
                                   Senior Lieutenant Appelt (fnu)
Instructor
                                   Lieutenant Lucas (fnu)
                                   Lieutenant Peters (fnu)
                                   Sub-Lieutenant Kurjo (fnu)
Chief instructor for radio
                                   Lieutenant Reichelt (fnu)
technique and DF
                                   Sub-Lieutenant Schindler (fnu)
Instructor
                                   Sub-Lieutenant Berger (fnu)
Instruction Group: Electric equipment
Chief
                                   Captain Diedrich (fnu)
Chief instructor
                                   Senior Lieutenant Saenger (fnu)
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                                   Senior Lieutenant Glasse (fnu)
Instructor
                                   Senior Lieutenant Ahlert (fnu)
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                                   Senior Lieutenant Keddi (fnu)
                                   Senior Lieutenant Baldrusch (fnu)
                                   Lieutenant Stubenrauch (fnu)
                                   Lieutenant Schiller (fnu)
                                   Lieutenant Mueller (fnu)
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25X1 CONFIDENTIAL - 6 -Instructor Lieutenant Friedrich (fnu) 25X1 Lieutenant Scharf (fnu) Sub-Lieutenant Sturm (fnu) Sub-Lieutenant Wolf (fnu) Sub-Lieutenant Tlustek (fnu) Instruction Group: Armament Senior Lieutenant Tanzberger (fnu) Chief Chief instructor Senior Lieutenant Krueger (fnu) Instructor Senior Lieutenant Lehmgruebler (fnu) Instruction Group: Aircraft engines Chief instructor Senior Lieutenant Lehais (fnu) Instructor Lieutenant Gnaden (fnu) Instruction Group: Aircraft frames Chief Captain Matern (fnu) Instruction Group: Meteorology Chief Senior Lieutenant Buchwitz (fnu) Instruction Group: Practical training Chief Senior Lieutenant Friedrich (fnu) Chief instructor Senior Lieutenant Frahn (fnu) Instructor Sub-Lieutenant Kucarek (fnu) Instruction Group: Topography Chief instructor Captain Thierbach (fnu) Instructor Lieutenant Eissrich (fnu) Lieutenant Fischer (fnu) Planning Section Chief Captain Stiemler (fnu) Assistant Senior Lieutenant Vogel (fnu) Lieutenant Braeutigam (fnu) 25X1 CONFIDENTIAL

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"Methodisches Kabinett", presumably instruction material section

Chief

Lieutenant Bein (fnu)

4 or 5 mechanics in charge of maintenance work on instruction material

#### 7. Efficiency of Instruction Personnel

A large portion of the chiefs of instruction groups and some of the chief instructors had been assigned to their posts because they were convinced communists. Only about 40 percent of the instructors had the required qualification and technical knowledge and the remaining 60 percent had great difficulties in their lessons because they had come from professions not familiar with air force subjects. This fact was known by the students and repertedly raised difficulties. It was the cause for the establishment of a so-called "qualification course." 7

## 8. Soviet Advisors

About 6 Soviet advisors ranking from major to colonel and wearing VPL uniforms were assigned to the School No 500 in Kamenz. They were detached from Soviet Air Force units and largely controlled instruction activities of the school. The Soviets had contact only with the chiefs of the individual instruction groups. The advisor for radio and DF techniques was Major Paul (fnu) who presumably had a code name.

## 9. <u>Instruction Material</u>

One Yak-18, 1 Yak-11 and 1 La-9 were available as instruction material in a honger of Object I. Additional instruction material for the individual fields of training was locked in the classification section in the "Methodisches Kabinett" and the "Technisches Kabinett".

#### 10. Training Program

In details, the training program for a training course was drawn up by the group of instructors on the basis of the number of instruction units prescribed by the VDA headquarters. The draft was submitted to General Kessler (fnu), chief of the VDA, who approved and returned the draft to the school in the form of a training order (Ausbildungsbefehl). The training courses for mechanics and technicians with the same subjects except that the number of lessons differed. The following is an instruction schedule for the training of radio officers:

duration of course	2	years		
political indoctrination	400	hours		
military basic training	2	months		
study of manuals	100	hours		
firing training	100	hours		
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topography	40	"
mathematics	40	**
strength of materials	40	**
mechanics	40	**
aircraft theory	120	"
aircraft engines	40	11
air frames	70	"
elementary electrical and radio engineering	100	11
electrical equipment of aircraft	70	11
elements of D'F operation	100	11
instruction on the operation transmitters and receivers	100	***
special transmitting and receiving sets	100	"
radio navigation sets	100	11
operating and maintenance of radio equipment	300	**
mechanical training	<b>1</b> 00	11
furlough	40	days
guard duty	40	11

#### 11. Model RSI Aircraft Radio Set

Instruction was given on the model RSI radio set which was installed on fighter and trainer aircraft. The set was used for air-to-air and air-to-ground radio communications. The instrument incorporated a model RSI 6 - K transmitter, a model RSI 6 - M 1 receiver, and a model RU - 45 A transformer. The set had a frequency range of 60 to 80 meters, an operating voltage of 26 V, and a range of about 200 km for voice radio communications. Through the use of different crystals the transmitter could be adjusted to specific frequencies.

## 12. Model RPKO-10 M Radio Compass (Radiohalbkompass)

Instruction was given on the model RPKO-10 M radio compass (Radiohalb-kompass) which was installed in obsolescent fighter and bomber aircraft. The instrument served for the purpose of orientation by means of radio beacons and operated in the medium and long-wave ranges. It had a frequency range of 275 to 725 Kcs and an operating voltage of 26 V.

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# 13. Model ARK-5 Radio Compass (Radiovollkompass)

Instruction was given on the model ARK-5 radio compass (Radiovoll-kompass) which was a further development from the model RPKO-10 M radio compass (Radiohalbkompass). By means of this compass, the pilots of modern fighter and bomber aircraft are able to approach all stations having long, medium or short wave ranges. The equipment also enables the pilot to accurately determine his position at any time. The operating voltage was 26 V.

#### 14. Insignia and Payment of Personnel

The personnel of School No 500 had the following service color:

Officers

Light blue collar patches with silver wings and light blue-bordered silver epaulets

NCOs, EM and officer candidates

Light blue collar patches with silver wings, epaulets in same color as uniform with light blue border

The silver wings were only worn by flying personnel. Badges indicating specific assignments were not yet in use. The officer candidates belonged to the following classes:

60 % 1935 and 1936

10 % 1937 and 1938

306% 1933 and 1934

A sub-lieutenant and instructor who filled the assignment of a major received the following pay:

basic pay 350 eastmarks netto

allowance for 400 "assignment

Total

750 eastmarks netto

The new instructors who had graduated from the last course were paid only a special allowance of 250 eastmarks instead of the 400 eastmarks.

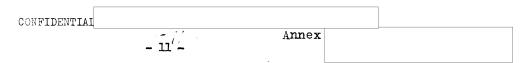
#### 15. Mood of the Students

The fact that a large portion of the students were forced to go in for a special training without having a personal choice made the students rather indifferent to their training. Their mood further deteriorated on account of the political indoctrination and the political pressure exercised at the school. Some students tried to bring about their dismissal by showing little zeal in their studies and by intentionally violating military discipline. The officer candidates of the newly established training course which was to start special training in mid-October 1954 had to sign up for a 10-year term of service in addition to their 3-year term of service for which they had obliged themselves.

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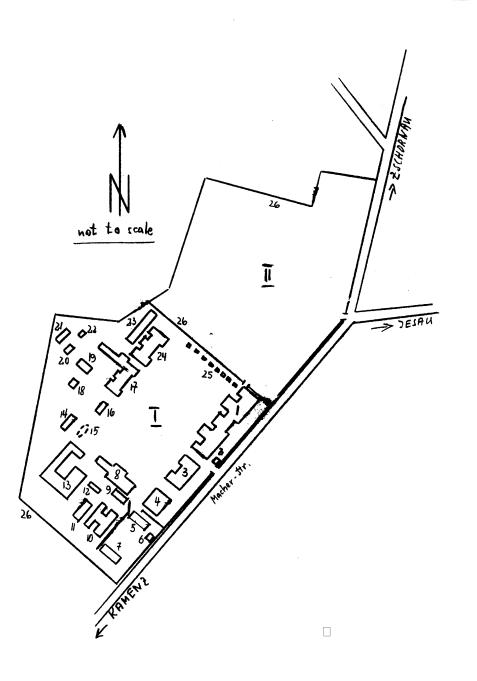
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The statement of obligation which previously had to be signed by officer candidates, to wit: "I am willing to serve so long as the party and government deem it necessary", was eliminated because it was legally ambiguous.	25X1
l. Comment. For layout sketch of billeting area of School No 500 see Annex. The reported occupation of the barracks installation on Macher Strasse in Kamenz had repeatedly been mentioned.	5, 25X1
2. Comment. The two technical training courses held from 1952 to 1954 are known. It is believed that about 1,000 well trained technical personnel belong to the Aeroclubs.	25X1
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for radio and signal officers, established in Augustusbad near Radebe transferred to Kamenz in May 1953. This course has previously been carried as the 10th Co in Kamenz. It is probable that the 10th Co was redesignated 6th Co when the 1st through 5th Companies of officer candidates left Kamenz in August 1954, so as to have consecutive number of the officer candidate courses.	erg, 25X1 s
Comment. The officer candidates of the 7th through 9th Compant probably entered the VPL in Augustusbad during the first quarter 1954, were subsequently transferred for a short time to Pirna and in the summer of 1954, moved to Kamenz. Upon completion of part of the military basic training in Kamenz, the students were selected for officandidate courses for the purpose of special technical training.	, neir
7. Comment. When the VPL was being established, a portion of the technical personnel had been given only superficial technical training and had not passed through the technical school in Kamenz. It is probable that this technical training is now to be rounded out.	ng
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Layout Sketch of Housing Area of School No 500 in Kamenz

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# Layout Sketch of Billeting Area of School No 500

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#### Legend:

- I Object I
- II Object II
- 1 School building
- 2 Sentry box at entrance
- 3 Headquarters building with guardroom
- 4 Officers club and HO store
- 5 Officers' billets
- 6 Vacant building
- 7 Officers' billets
- 8 Culture house and gymnasium
- 9 Building occupied by Athletic and Technical Association
- 10 Officers& billets
- 11) 12) Dispensary
- 13 Workshops for practical training, classrooms for lessons in meteorology and general education
- 14 Billets for officer candidates
- 15 Fire pond
- 16 Billets for officer candidates
- 17 Quarters
- 18 Garage
- 19 Building housing administrative section
- 20 Garage
- 21 Fire department
- 22 Carpenter shop
- 23 Shed
- 24 Quarters
- 25 Ammunition bunker
- 26 Wall

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